

2020 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #4

Harvest Through Statistical Week 27 (7/4/2020)

(Thousand Fish)

	Sockeye			Pink			Keta			Coho			Chinook		
	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2018	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY
AYK	0	0	-	40	6	-85%	121	24	-80%	0	0	-	0	1	-
Kodiak	164	57	-65%	5	8	60%	53	98	85%	0	0	-	0	0	-
Chignik	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
AK Pen. & Aleutian Is.	623	311	-50%	345	1,643	376%	548	452	-18%	0	0	-	9	2	-78%
Bristol Bay	19,421	8,429	-57%	0	0	-	466	126	-73%	0	0	-	13	7	-46%
Cook Inlet	343	142	-59%	9	1	-89%	1	2	100%	0	0	-	0	1	-
Prince William Sound	1,353	724	-46%	6	4	-33%	2,281	1,457	-36%	0	0	-	16	4	-75%
Southeast	3	3	0%	10	14	40%	277	98	-65%	2	2	0%	88	24	-73%
Statewide	21,907	9,666	-56%	415	1,676	304%	3,747	2,257	-40%	2	2	0%	126	39	-69%

Note: Data is subject to revision. Chinook harvest excludes winter fishery.

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Although 2020's harvest is slow compared to recent years, improved fishing last week is narrowing the gap. Total production of 13.6 million fish is about half the volume observed in prior even-number years at this point in the season. All regions of the state are producing salmon with Bristol Bay accounting for about 60% of the total harvest so far (measured in number of fish).

YTD statewide harvest of about 9.7 million sockeye is 56% and 62% behind the 2019 and 5-year average pace, respectively. The deficit is improving though, due primarily to Bristol Bay which exceeded daily harvest of one million fish for the first time this season on Friday. The current week is typically the peak for Bristol Bay production, though early empirical research indicates a late salmon return. Most other sockeye-producing regions have improved from last week but generally lag historical levels.

While pink salmon harvest is well above 2018, the 2020 harvest pace is below other even-numbered years. Total volume of 1.7 million pinks is a relatively small amount of production, equaling about five million pounds or about 3% of the 2020 projected total.

Keta production is trending stronger with improved harvest last week in PWS and relatively strong harvest in the AK Peninsula & Aleutian Islands region. Production of the species is increasing in the AYK region, but at a relatively slow pace. Keta harvest in Kodiak has been strong while Southeast and Bristol Bay are behind 2019.

2020 Harvest v. Projection

(Thousand Fish)

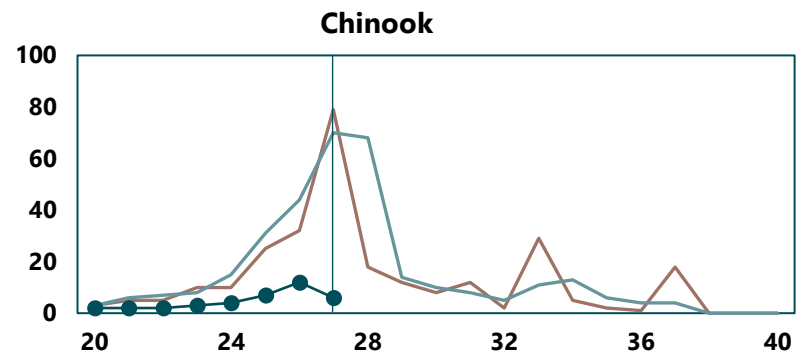
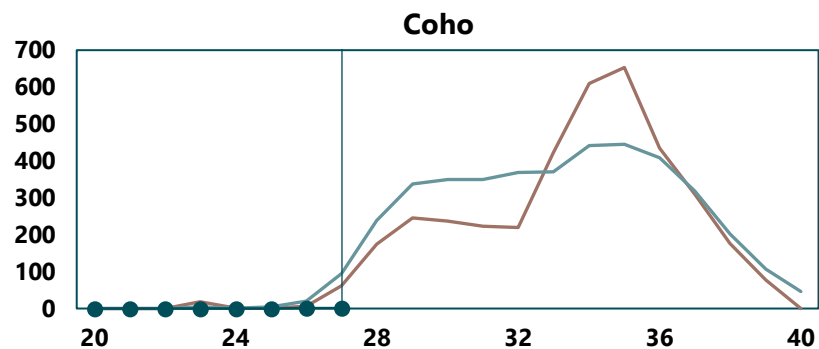
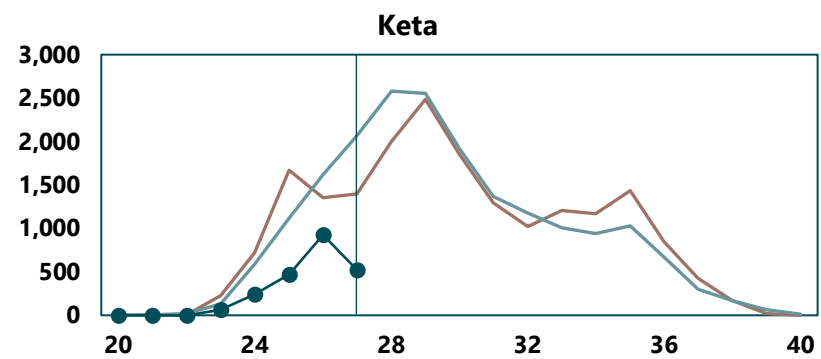
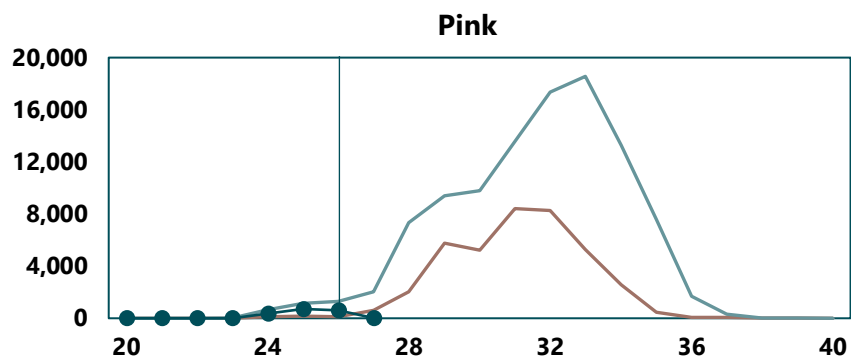
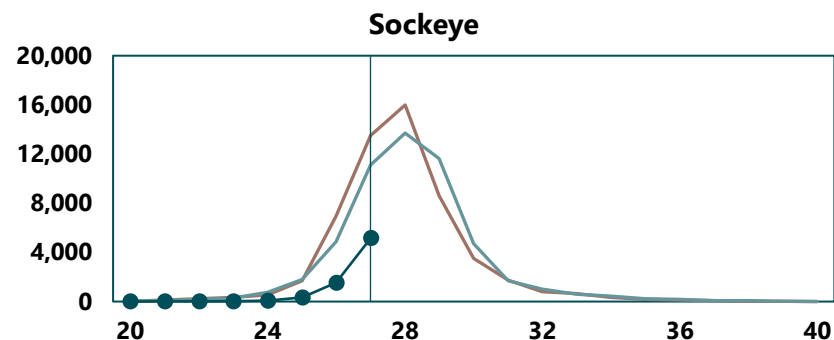
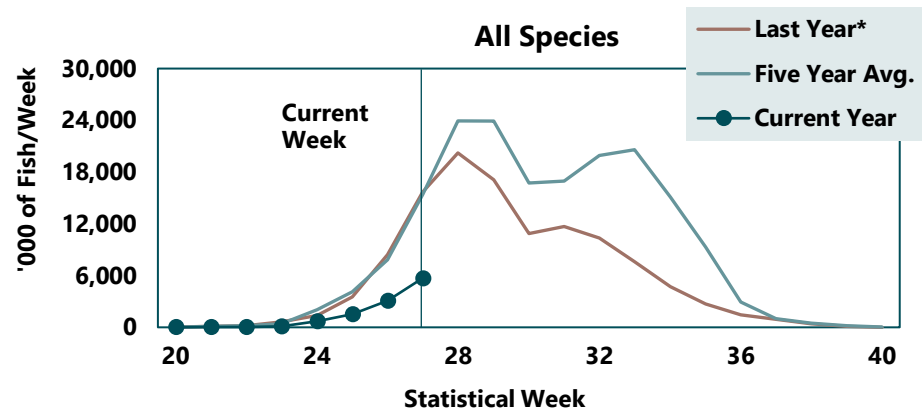
	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	9,666	48,100	20%
Pink	1,676	60,600	3%
Keta	2,257	19,400	12%
Coho	2	4,200	<1%
Chinook	39	320	12%
Total	13,640	132,620	10%

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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2020

(Thousands of Fish per Week)



*Last year uses 2018 pink salmon instead of 2019 (most recent even-year).

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Statistical Week	18-22	23-26	27-31	32-35	36-40
Approximate Mth.	May	June	July	August	September